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TBILISI/VAZIANI AIRFIELD
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1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST SYSTEM SIGHTING OF MANDRAKE HIGH ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AT THIS FIELD.
2. REMARKS: TBILISI/VAZIANI IS WELL SITUATED FOR TURKISH BORDER RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS AND IS WITHIN RANGE OF MOST OF THE MIDDLE EAST.
3. LOCATION: THE FIELD IS LOCATED 10 NM SE OF TBILISI.



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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:



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6. NEGATION DATE:

NONE

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7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: 10 KH-4 MISSIONS.
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: MANDRAKE IS A HIGH ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE
AIRCRAFT POWERED BY TWO RD-9 AXIAL FLOW
TURBO-JET ENGINES. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE
A YAKOVLEV DESIGN.
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| YEAR IN SERVICE | 1962 |
| WING SPAN | 76.25 FT |
| FUSELAGE LENGTH | 48 FT |
| GROSS WEIGHT | 20,000 LB |
| MAXIMUM SPEED | 450 KT AT 40,000 FT |
| CRUISE SPEED | 380 KT |
| FINAL CRUISE ALTITUDE | 66,400 FT |
| MAXIMUM RANGE | 2,100 NM |
9. MISSION READOUT: THE AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF A 7300 X 180 NW/SE SERVICE-
ABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY WITH A 325 FT SOD OVERRUN AT THE SE END, A 700 FT
GRADED EARTH OVERRUN AT THE NW END, A PARALLEL TAXIWAY, 2 CROSSOVER AND
2 END CONNECTING TAXIWAYS, 2 PARKING APRONS (1 ADJACENT TO EACH END LINK),
59 HARDSTANDS, AND AN AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA. ILS IS LOCATED OFF EACH
END OF THE RUNWAY. SUPPORT FACILITIES, NORTHEAST OF RUNWAY CENTER, IN-
CLUDE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND BARRACKS AREAS, AND A
MOTOR POOL. POL STORAGE IS EAST OF RP (RUNWAY CENTER).

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A NEWLY IDENTIFIED AIR WARNING RADAR FACILITY, NORTH OF RP, INCLUDES
4 OCCUPIED RADAR MOUNDS CONTAINING A PROBABLE BIG MESH, A PROBABLE
BAR LOCK AND 2 HEIGHT FINDERS AND 40 TRUCKS/VANS.

[REDACTED] (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) IS
LOCATED 3 NM ENE OF RP. AOB: 11 BEAGLE, 7 MANDRAKE, 33 FISHBED
(1 IN LANDING PATTERN), 50 FRESCO AND 7 POSSIBLE HARE.

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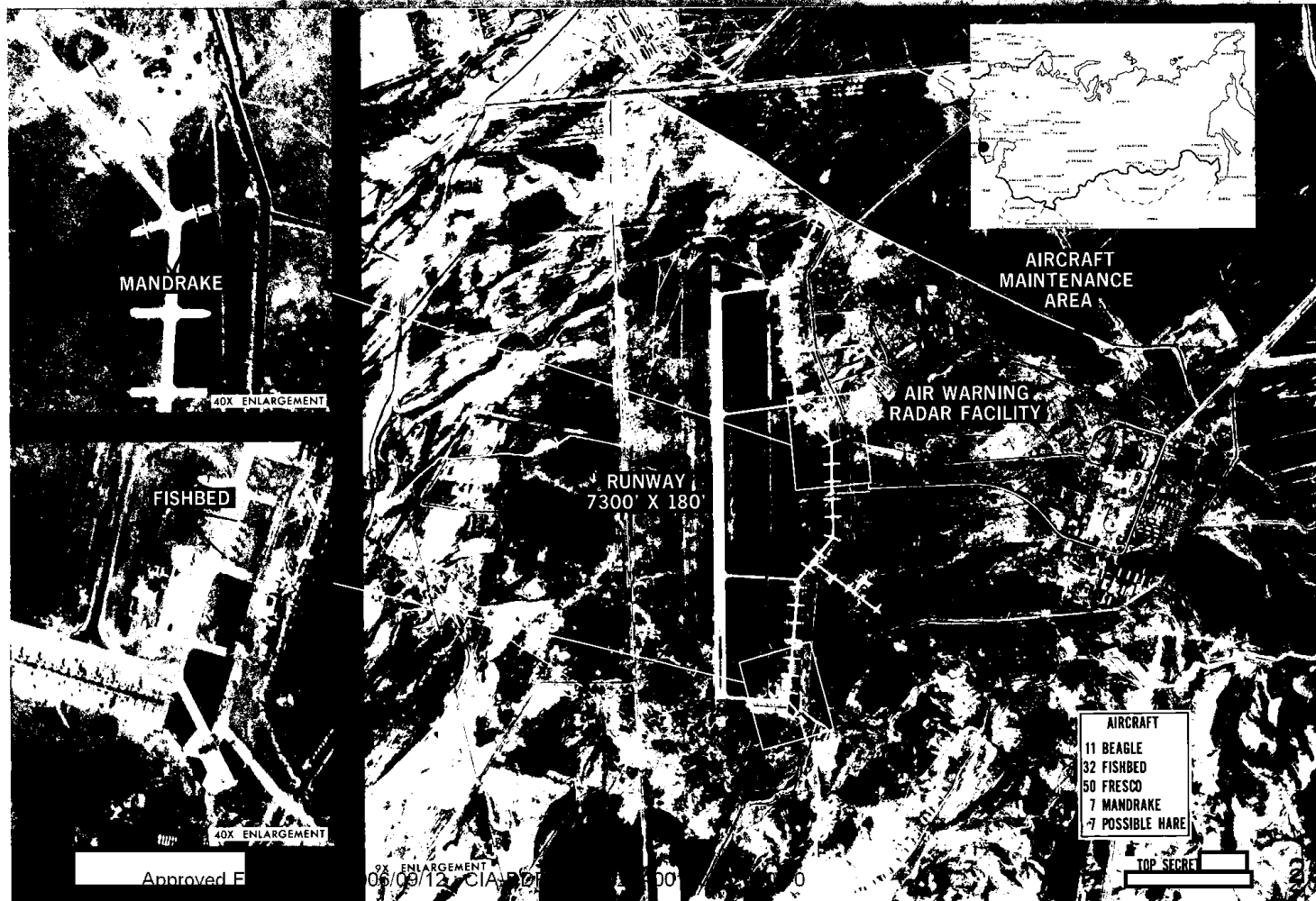
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